

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 10-19, 21-25 and 27-31 remain in the application for further prosecution. Claims 1-9, 20, 26 and 32-40 have been withdrawn. The Applicant confirms that the inventorship for the remaining claims has not changed.

The Applicant reserves the right to file the cancelled claims in a divisional application.

Restriction/Election Requirement

In response to the restriction/election requirement, the Applicant elects to prosecute Group I (*i.e.*, claims 10-32) in the present application. Claims 1-9 and 33-40 have been cancelled without prejudice.

The Examiner also stated that the application was directed to two distinct species of the invention: Species A consisting of FIG. 3, and Species B consisting of FIG. 7. In response, the Applicant elects to prosecute the claims associated with Species A (*i.e.*, claims 10-19, 21-25 and 27-31) without traverse. Species A includes generic claims 10-14, 17-19, 22-25 and 28-30.

Conclusion

It is the Applicant's belief that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance and action towards that effect is respectfully requested.

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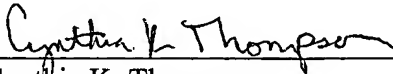
Response to Restriction Requirement dated September 4, 2003

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If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview,
the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

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